

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the above discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 7-16, amended herewith, remain active in this case, Claims 1-4 , 6 and 17-20 having previously been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 14 was objected to as including an antecedent basis informality requiring correction. Claims 5 and 7-16 were rejected under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1-11 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,665,303.

In response to the objection to Claim 14, Claim 14 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the “home network interface” phrase in question. Accordingly, this ground for objection is believed to have been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In response to the 35 USC §101 double patenting rejection, Claims 5 and 7-16 have been presently amended to re-state the functionality stated in these claims as steps in method format. No new matter has been added. As method claims belong to a statutory class different from that of Claims 1-11 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,665,303, the pending amended Claims 5 and 7-16 are no longer coextensive in scope. Accordingly, the 35 USC §101 double patenting rejection is believed to have been overcome and withdrawal thereof is also respectfully requested.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are outstanding, and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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